WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trains which reached in time at Howrah, Patna, Lucknow, Jaipur, Jammu; Amritsar, Bombay and Madras, from Delhi and to Delhi, from the operation in the new time table till the 30th November, 1988; and

(b) what are the names of trains which reached the said stations from Delhi and to Delhi, were late and by how many hours these trains were late during the said period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 398.

(b) 11|12 Delhi|Howrah, 39 Janata Express, 145 Shalimar Express and 192 Magadh Express were some of the trains which reached their destination late on more than 5 occasions for an average ranging between 1 hour 25 minutes to 3 hours.

Visit of a delegation of Academicians to China

3253. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of academicians of the country visited China during November, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details of the members of the delegation, with criteria of their selection;

(c) what was the main purpose of this visit;

(d) what results are expected to be achieved from this visit; and

(e) whether the said visit was undertaken under some exchange programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the delegation which was decided with a view to taking maximum advantage from latest developments in the field of higher education in the People's Republic of China, was as follows:

(i) Prof. Yash Pal, Chairman University Grants Commission.

(ii) Prof. V. C. Kulandaiswamy, Vice-Chancellor Anna University.

(iii) Prof. M. S. Agwani Vice-Chancellor Jawaharlal Nehru University.

(iv) Prof. G. J. V. J. Raju Chairman Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education.

(v) Prof. M. S. Sodha Vice-Chancellor Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya.

(vi) Shri B. R. Kwatra Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission.

(c) and (d) To strengthen bilaterial contacts with China in the field of higher education.

(e) The visit was undertaken at the invitation of the State Education Commission of the People's Republic of China.

Budepest technical university

3254. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Budapest Technical University has a few Indian students;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make some exchange programmes to ensure that more students from India could get admission in the Budapest Technical University for studies in future; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India already has a Cultural Exchange Programme with Hungary under which the Government of Hungary offers 6 scholarships for Indian students annually for doctoral and post-doctrol studies. It is not considered necessary to have any change in this.

'Sell India' schemes for Tourism

3255. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a 'Sell India' Scheme to boost tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Losses of Vayudoot

3256. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot, the third airline, has incurred a loss of Rs. 30 crores, so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to run the undertaking profitably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. After adjustment of profit of Rs. 2.76 lakhs and Rs. 12.97 lakhs respectively for the years 1983-84 and 1984-85, Vayudoot has incurred an estimated cumulative loss of Rs. 11.90 crores as on 31.3.1988.

(b) The losses have mainly been due to:

(i) induction of new generation Dornier aircraft which resulted in increase in aircraft costs on account of depreciation, interest and other charges;

(ii) increased interest payments on account of fluctuations in exchange rates;

(iii) high expenditure on consumables for repairs/maintenance and premature engine failures; and

(iv) operations on short haul routes which are uneconomical.

(c) The following steps are proposed to be taken by the company for improving its performance:

(i) induction of cost-effective aircraft for short-haul operations;

(ii) operation of longer and high density routes after induction of bigger capacity aircrafts;

(iii) adoption of measures to increase yield per passenger and load factor; and

(iv) aggressive marketing for courier services;

Prime Minister's visit to China

3257. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dates for the Prime Minister's visit to China have now been finalized;

(b) what are the agreements likely to be signed during this visit; and